



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendent

FROM: Wes Bruce, Chief Assessment Officer

DATE: December 2, 2010

SUBJECT: Reminder: ISTEP+ Online Load Test December 6-10

Next week schools all over Indiana will be participating in a “load test” using the ISTEP+ Online test system. This is one critical part of ensuring that schools have the capacity to appropriately test one grade level of students online this spring. Your technology coordinators have received training and have been loading the needed software onto all of the elementary and middle schools computers that will be used for ISTEP+ testing. This has been great deal of work and we appreciate their time and efforts in certifying that every school can deliver a valid testing experience to our students.

These tests will run in the “background” and will not interfere with regular computer use. We are conducting the load tests during the day so we get an accurate picture of the network and bandwidth conditions that will exist during testing.

The load tests will run the week of December 6-10 and will be combined with survey information to provide you with an assessment of the testing readiness for the corporation, each school and each machine. In January you will receive a report of your readiness for ISTEP+ Online.

Contact your technology or testing coordinator for more information about what they have done to prepare for this process. For additional information you can visit www.ctb.com/istep.

As always if I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me wbruce@doe.in.gov or 317-232-9054.